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1. THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR POLITICO-
MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS (PMAA) CONFIRMED IN A
MEETING TODAY THE GREAT IMPORTANCE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT
OF SPAIN ATTACHES TO HOLDING SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS IN
WASHINGTON ON TCN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18. THE SPANISH
WOULD LIKE TO START THESE DISCUSSIONS
SOME TIME ON MONDAY THE 18TH, AND THEY EXPECT TO STAY FOR
SEVERAL DAYS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY
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FOR A COMPLETE AIRING OF THE PROBLEM.

2. THEY HAVE ASKED TO BE INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
WHAT ARRANGMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO RECEIVE THEM IN WASHING-
TON.

3. THE COMPOSITION OF THE SPANISH TEAM DESCRIBED IN REF A

REMAINS ACCURATE. IN ADDITION TO THE NAMES LISTED THERE' THERE WILL BE A MINISTRY OF DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE (NAVY CAPTAIN CONTRERAS) AND TWO OR THREE TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM THE SPANISH ARMY AND NAVY, WHOSE NAMES WILL BE PROVIDED SOON.

4. THEY PLAN TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 17.

5. AS POINTED OUT IN REF C, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THIS VISIT BE USED TO ATTEMPT TO DEFINE THE REMAINING ISSUES AS CLEARLY AND CAREFULLY AS POSSIBLE, TO GAIN SPANISH SUPPORT FOR THE DEFENSE COMMUNICATION AGENCY, EVALUATION, AND TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON A PROGRAM TO RESOLVE REMAINING TECHNICAL DIFFERENCES.

6. THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE PMAA ALSO MADE CLEAR AT THE MEETING TODAY THAT A DECISION AS TO WHETHER THIS MATTER WILL BE RAISED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 4 BY THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER, AND IF SO IN WHAT WAY, WILL BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

7. US SIDE OF THE PMAA USED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO URGE STRONGLY THAT THE GOS MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COMPLETE PAYMENTS 12 AND 13 PRIOR TO THE WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS. THE
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SPANISH ARMY REPRESENTATIVE HELD OUT SOME HOPE THAT AT LEAST A REQUEST MIGHT BE SENT SOON TO THE EXIM BANK REQUESTING IT TRANSFER TO THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACCOUNTING CENTER THE HALF OF PAYMENT 12 ALREADY ON DEPOSIT WITH EXIM.

8. IN ORDER TO PURSUE THE MATTER OF PAYMENTS 12 AND 13 FURTHER, WE WILL NEED AN ANSWER TO REF B.

9. ONE FINAL NOTE: SINCE THE PLANNING BEGAN EARLY IN THE SUMMER FOR THIS VISIT, WE HAVE BEEN ASSURING THE SPANISH (ON INSTRUCTIONS) THAT THEY WILL BE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON BY BOTH TECHNICAL AND POLICY-LEVEL OFFICIALS, INCLUDING DASD/ISA. BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF THIS ENTIRE ISSUE WE STRONGLY URGE ALSO THAT THERE BE APPROPRIATE STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATION THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSIONS. TODMAN

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